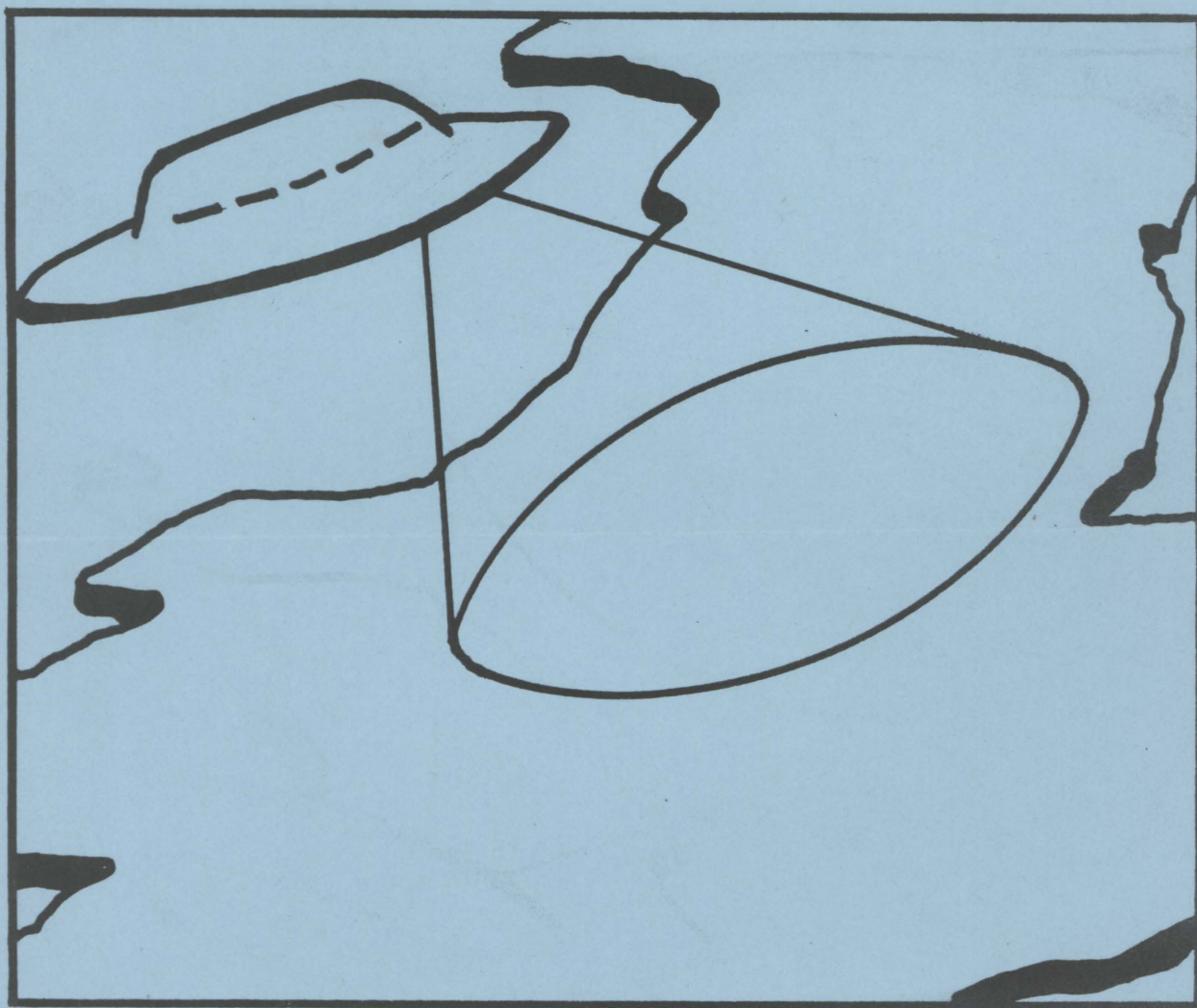


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A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL UFOLOGISTS FROM JENNY AND PAUL.

We hope members of UFOIN who do not normally get NUN will appreciate this issue sent to them to say 'Thanks for your efforts in '77' LETS KEEP IT UP IN '78!!!

EDITORIAL: 'Carter Keeps his Promise'

We are all familiar with the promises of politicians. Usually they are as liable to be kept as the chances a UFO will decide to drop in on the next NUFON meeting (thats a thought.... perhaps if we advertised that attraction more people might come along...)

When President Jimmy Carter was campaigning for election to the US White House he made a pledge that he would release all of his information on the UFO phenomenon. This was because our good old country cousin had seen a strange thing himself once (well two, I suppose... if you count Richard Nixon). Anyway, Jimmy made this vow and of course we all said, pull the other one its got bells on it. Or those rather more paranoic said, the CIA will get to him and make sure he says nothing because of course the CIA run America (funny I always thought it was Kermut the Frog). Well, believe it or not, Carter has kept his promise.

We are indebted to Bryan Hartley for transmitting the information hot from his international communications system. Apparently Carter has advised NASA that they should examine the data provided by civilian ufo organisations in the USA over the past ten years to see if anything has been produced which would make a new major study valuable. It seems that hopes are high that the verdict will be very much more favourable than the infamous Conned us report (er... sorry... CONDON report!)

Work has already begun, with the cooperation of the major US organisations and a report is expected from NASA within a few months. We shall of course await this with baited breath.

One wonders, yet again, why we in Britain are sitting on the fence. Recently a new official study was launched by the French government. Called GEPAN it is working with top scientists and continuing the pioneering efforts of the nation whose minister of defence broke the ice in 1974 by publically admitting to the world that UFOs were a real problem, that they had been studying them for years and that they were going to cooperate with any scientific attempts to find the truth.

Of course we have the Ministry of Defence and their special department which exists to look into these imaginary UFOs. They say they don't exist..... but still spend millions of pounds each year on investigation of this 'non-existent' phenomenon. Strange? Or is it typical of the British temperament that we should love to spend money for no reason?

The point seems to be that Britain is going to sit back and let everyone else take the lead once again. Efforts in the past that have petitioned the government to do something about the ufo problem have been fruitless. Maybe now, with all of this activity abroad, with public interest at a height because of STAR WARS and CLOSE ENCOUNTERS, and with masses of high strangeness data on file from recent months we should ALL try a concerted attempt. If we sent ONE fully documented high strangeness case each to our local MP then possibly we would at least get some answers. Though we might suspect what they will be it is worth trying is it not? Sitting on fences is ok, but what happens when you fall off???

NUFON INVESTIGATORS COURSE

In recent months many people have expressed the feeling that we ought to do something to improve standards of investigation. There is a way to do this - whilst at the same time providing some enjoyment and interest!

What we are to do is introduce a course in UFO INVESTIGATION. This will not be a training programme, as its participants will all be folk who have been investigating for some time, but it will allow those with more experience in the field to pass on the benefits to others. A team of organisers will coordinate the programme of instruction and if you feel you have had enough experience and would like to help please contact JENNY RANGLES right away.

EACH GROUP WILL BE ASKED NOW TO NOMINATE AT LEAST ONE PERSON TO TAKE THE COURSE

It will probably be best to keep the numbers involved small, though if you particularly want more than one member to be involved that is alright. Another idea is to pass the benefits on to the rest of the group by the person actually taking the course instructing other members at a regular meeting.

Individual NUFON investigators can take the course as well, if they wish.

To cover printing and postage costs there will be a course fee of £1.50 per person (£2 if more than one from a group take part provided all correspondence goes to one address). Surely this is not too much for all groups to afford. REGISTRATION SHOULD BE INTO THE NUFON SECRETARY BY FEBRUARY 1ST 1978

The course will start after the next NUFON meeting on February 4th at Crewe (see next page) and will be organised in three sections:-

1) IDENTIFICATION OF PHENOMENA:

Forms of various phenomena misidentified as UFOs; natural, stellar, aircraft, satellites etc. Examination of these and means of identifying related ufo sightings.

2) STRUCTURING AND INVESTIGATION:

Interviews, checking sources, analysing sites, producing a case report etc.

3) SPECIAL CASE INVESTIGATION:

E/M Cases, Physical traces, physiological effects, photographic cases etc.

The proposals are to produce a series of about 12 fact sheets on each section, with notes on specific topics, cross references to further sources, examples and illustrative questions. These would go out every 2 weeks, one with the NUN each month. In other words each person taking the course would have six sheets per month to deal with, which will mean hard work... but not too time consuming.

The course will last about six months and some form of exam and certificate will be devised at the end. If this pilot scheme is successful it will continue on a permanent basis.

PLEASE STUDY THE ABOVE CAREFULLY AND IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS CONTACT NUFON. LOOK UPON THIS SCHEME AS AN INVESTMENT. EVERY NUFON GROUP OUGHT TO SUPPORT IT.

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1978 - THE YEAR THE UFOs CAME???

This is how the publishers of a new commercial venture, Space Centerprises, are launching SPACEQUEST onto the markets with a massive publicity campaign to tie in with the release of the film STAR WARS this Christmas. SPACEQUEST is a new glossy magazine which deals with UFOs, space travel, science fiction etc. Its aimed at the public, but its not sensational. Perhaps this is because it is edited by a ufologist, Alan Fossey (formerly of the BUDC). The first issue (January 78) of its bi-monthly schedule contains a major feature on Star Wars, contact with extraterrestrial spacemen, the evolution of stars (by a UFOIN member, Mark Stenhoff) and several ufo features.... including one by our own Jenny Randles! It looks worth supporting. Single issue costs are 60p. Subscription £4.50 pa. Contact:-

SPACEQUEST Subscriptions PO BOX 400 KINGS LANGLEY HERTS.

NUFON MEETING PLANS

The date for the next NUFON meeting has now been confirmed it will be:-

Saturday, FEBRUARY 4 1978 1.00 to 5.00 pm

The hosts on this occasion will be the Crewe group FUFOR and the venue the Crewe Civic Centre Library Lecture Theatre, on Prince Albert Street, close to the town square. This is about 15 minutes walk from the railway station, and is served by Crossville bus services K1, K2, K5, K6, K7 and there are plenty of taxis.

I hope that you will all try and get there. One of the main topics for discussion will be the Investigation Course, plus the Spring conference (this year to be in South Humberside). There will be a lecture before the meeting, details of which will be announced in the next issue.

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NEWS ROUND-UP

Paul Whetnall

Last month's issue of the NUN seems to have been well appreciated by most of you, especially that article from John Hind ... (Never mind the quality feel the width) I have had several letters commenting how true it all was (perhaps it will now have some effect on the amount of data that comes in on reports). David Rees of MAPIT says, 'I found John Hind's article very sensible indeed' and goes on to say that each group has different guidelines as to what an investigation should include and that a standardised form should be available. The BUFORA R1 form seems to be the most popular and widely used and don't forget that Derek James of UFORA Staffs keeps on plugging his generous offer to provide free R1 forms to any group for the purposes of sending proper data into NUFON. Seems that a few more of you ought to take him up on this. David also said that LITS cases were not very important because they only provide speed, direction, colour, date etc but nothing really workable. For the most part this is so, but LITS cases should not be forgotten as a follow up investigation can reveal more. For example MUFORA investigator Ros Parsons followed up a LITS case (reported in this issue) and found out it was a Close Encounter with animal effects... so showing the danger of complacency about the irrelevancy of some sightings. WUFOS now have a monthly column in the Birkenhead and Bebington News. They also have plans to resurrect the group magazine, hoping to have it for sale in some local shops. SUFORS are to stage the Spring 78 NUFON conference in the South Humberside, North Lincolnshire area (probably April/May). We expect to have two conferences next year... with MUFORA planning one for the Autumn. Don't forget too that BUFORA are having a 78 conference next Spring.... in Nottingham on the weekend APRIL 15/16. Details from them. Cost about £6 I think. (not including accommodation)

The big film 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind' has been released in the US last month, and is scheduled for general release over here on March 30th, or thereabouts. It's not supposed to be science fiction, and is likened to a Hitchcock thriller. It cost 20 million dollars to make, with a massive security clampdown before release and then a huge publicity campaign (with double page adverts in the press explaining Hynek's classification system... from where the title of the film comes).) From news that has filtered through it seems that it is a pretty straightforward account of a landing and ufo contactee experience, happening to a plain old American family. Our old mate Allan Hynek is supposed to be in it somewhere too. Two critics managed to sneak into the film before it was released and gave different reviews of it. One said it was pretty awful and Wall St. stocks of Columbia and EMI (the makers) tumbled. Then the other said it was good and they rose dramatically - such is the importance placed on the film. So it may give ufology the respectability it has lacked in the past ... here's hoping anyway.

Back in September 1973 MAPIT arose from out of a national organisation, FSIT (Flying Saucer Investigation Team), which eventually fizzled out of existence. MAPIT, along with NUFOIS from Nottingham with similar origins, withstood this upheaval with its founder members being Jenny Randles and David Rees. They also launched a magazine, which began as 'THE MANCHESTER UFO SCENE' and has now grown into "SKYWATCH". This is used to help educate members and to allow them to air their views about UFOs. In its early days membership was small and MAPIT decided to treat its investigations and the subject with an unbiased and open minded attitude.

Membership is now open to anyone with an interest in UFOs. The group offers a comprehensive reference library containing over 1500 books, magazines and tapes and over 1000 press cuttings dating back to 1953. These facilities can be used freely by any member at any time.

In 1974 MAPIT had attempted to start a nationwide cooperation system called PROBE NATIONAL, with ufo groups exchanging data on a regular basis. The response to the venture was nil, so efforts were concentrated on the north west. This led to the formation of UNO (Union of Northern Observers). Many people disliked this name and UNO later became NUFON, which is now a great success. UNO organised the first northern ufo conference, with the Wirral UFO Society the hosts. This was at Bebbington in June 1974, and has been followed by an event each year since then.

With the expansion of NUFON Jenny Randles decided to devote all of her time to this, maintaining contact with MAPIT. David Rees took over as Secretary and editor of SKYWATCH in October 1974 and the membership has increased since then. SKYWATCH is sent to 15 countries and has a truly international readership. Two special issues have been printed the first on ufo origins from 1974 being out of print. The other on the 1973 flap in northern England was published earlier this year. There are plans for further special issues.

Since 1975 MAPIT has concentrated on east Manchester and Cheshire. It is felt that many unrecorded sightings must occur around Buxton, New Mills and Glossop, and the group has had various letters and articles appearing in local media sources to try encourage interest and make people aware of MAPIT's existence. The group also acts as an information source for people wishing to make contact with other groups etc.

The group holds small meetings at irregular intervals at the Editorial address in Offerton, Greater Manchester. They are very informal as MAPIT has no committee, just a secretary who deals with everyday administration. All sightings are put on a card index, and it is hoped in future to publish a catalogue of East Cheshire sightings.

DONT FORGET- WRITE ABOUT YOUR GROUP AND SEND IT TO PAUL WHETNALL WITH YOUR NEWS

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INVESTIGATION DATA

One of the chief functions of NUN is to collate into one source a regular, reliable source of information on current ufo investigations in the region. We have decided to rationalise the presentation of this data to make it more amenable to research. Other publications are strongly advised to do the same. Each case will be headed with: CASE REFERENCE NUMBER, DATE, TIME, LOCATION, CLASSIFICATION, INVESTIGATION LEVEL and INVESTIGATOR. If the investigator uses a Strangeness/Probability rating (see 'The UFO Experience', Hynek, A p.39) we will include this. These are values for the Strangeness and probability of a case between 0 (explained) and 9. The classification employed will be the one devised by Peter Warrington & Jenny Randles viz:

LOW Definition: Events with colour, brightness and motion only observed

MEDIUM Definition: Events where a clearly defined shape is observed.

ID (Instrumentally Detected Cases): Photographs, radar tracings etc

CE 1 : Close Encounters with effects only seen by witnesses to the event

CE 2 : Close encounters where effects can be seen by witnesses who were not at event

CE 3 : CE 3a Entity cases (no contact) CE 3b Entity cases with contact

CE 4 : Cases where contact takes place on a psychic level.

77/179 FEBRUARY 23 1977 Ilkley Moor, West Yorks (22.30) MED Level D SUFORS

Four witnesses, three of whom were members of the observer corps, say that they saw a metal grey disc of 50' diameter hovering over a stone circle on the moor. It was in view three minutes forty one seconds! The observer members will not be identified as they told the other witness the UFO was tracked on radar! (We have been totally unable to confirm this). The local investigator, who himself is a repeater ufo witness, says that a few days before he experienced a mild electric shock when trying to move the stones in the area. He speculates that the area is a focus for leylines, which in some way powers the ufos.

77/180 APRIL 14 1977 Heywood, Gtr Mcr (21.20) LOW Level E MUFORA

A hospital technician had just put his car in the garage when two starlike LITS appeared. One moved slowly from the SW, the other moved faster from the N. They joined together silently and moved away to the E, heading for Rochdale. The faster light twinkled, but the other was steady. They seemed to be as high as high-flying aircraft. They remained in view 3 to 4 minutes as they slowly flew away.

77/181 MAY 22 1977 Denton, Gtr Mcr (22.00) LOW Level A DIGAP

A design engineer and his son observed a LITS like a yellow car headlamp as it rose from behind some trees in the direction of Ringway airport (SW). It moved slowly and made a sharp turn before climbing to 70 degree elevation and moving away to the SE. As it did so it seemed to grow brighter once, fade and then move out of sight. It also appeared to make two slight motions to the left. It was in view six minutes. Remaining in the back garden they saw a jet aircraft pass over shortly after. This looked quite different and could be clearly heard. The witnesses are familiar with aircraft movements.

77/182 JUNE 28 1977 Ellesmere Prt, Cheshire (13.00) MED Level C WUFOS

Five teenage schoolboys were on the schoolfield about to play cricket when one of them spotted a strange looking object hovering over rooftops in the NNE.

It was shaped like a quadrilateral with indistinct sides and was made out of a silvery white material. After about thirty seconds it accelerated upwards and away to the S. The total duration of sighting was



about 50 seconds. It is possible that this was some airborne object caught in the breeze, such as a kite. It certainly has a distinctive kite shape.

POSSIBLE UFO ENTITY SEEN BY LONELY LANCASHIRE RESERVOIR

77/183 JULY 28 1977 Dunnockshawe, Lancs (02.30) CE 3a Level A DIGAP

Mr S is a 19 year old farmlad at Love Clough, Rossendale (between Rawtenstall and Burnley). He is a typical rural dweller, with no knowledge of UFOs and a fairly poor education. On the date in question he was camping with a friend by the side of Clowbridge Reservoir (OS Sheet 103 Ref 832283). As dawn began to approach he decided to go to the waters edge to get some drinking water and, as is quite natural, he took his rifle with him in case he should see something to shoot. As he bent down over the breakwater he noticed a strange figure standing about 100 yards in front of him. This figure was immediately noticed as being odd because of his immense size. He was 8 feet tall! He was dressed completely in a white robe, had a beard and bushy hair. It stated mechanically out over the reservoir and did not seem to notice Mr S at all. The witness gazed on in amazement for a minute and called to his friend. However, as he did so the figure vanished.



It is obviously not certain whether this has anything to do with UFOs, except that the family from the nearby farm had seen strange lights over the area during the Summer. It is also close to the scene of the North Lancashire flap earlier this year (eg the Nelson car stop case). The entity is somewhat reminiscent of the one seen by Mrs Bowles at Winchester on November 14 1976 (FSR Vol 22 No 5).

77/184 AUGUST 5 1977 Bury, Gtr Mcr (24.00) MED Level E MUFORA

A woman in Heywood saw a flame coloured oblong object to the west over Bury. As she watched it grew smaller and disappeared, but she had the feeling that it was her and not the object which was moving away. Two teenage girls from nearby Summit claimed in the press subsequently that they too saw the object. At this time many aircraft in and out of Manchester Airport were switching full landing lights on some distance out. This MAY be an explanation.

77/185 SEPTEMBER 3 1977 Cheshire, various times LOW Level A FUFOR

The first incident in a great flap of sightings over the Cheshire area concerns Mr Locker and his 11 year old daughter at their home at Alsager (just over the Staffs border). At 21.20 their attention was drawn to a silver cigar moving N at elevation 65 degrees. The apparant size was that of a tennis ball, at arms length. After a minute it made a sharp turn to the west and disappeared at speed. It seemed to flash lights in sequence, red, green, blue and white looking like 'cellophane on childrens toys'. The elder witness is well acquainted with air movements and says the object was on AMBER ONE at about 2000' (below the minimum flightpath level). At 21.35 a teenage couple in Crewe reported seeing four pinheads of white light, changing formation and moving north at elevation 45 degrees. They were slightly brighter than stars and vanished after two minutes behind cloud. FUFOR consider the witnesses of low reliability. At 21.50 Steve Cleaver of FUFOR and three friends spotted a hazy white light in the west moving NE, elevation 30 degrees. It was the size of a $\frac{1}{2}$ p at arms length and seemed to stop, accelerate away at great speed and then reverse its path.. on several different occasions. At 23.08 two of the witnesses, plus another, saw the object again. The witnesses in the earlier sighting had heard a buzzing noise EXCEPT for Steve Cleaver. It is interesting though that his ears were badly blocked and shortly after he had them syringed by a doctor. At 23.00 two ambulancemen in Crewe spotted the object also. They reported to police that they saw an arc light in the W, which moved off NE, accelerated and changed colour from blue to red before vanishing at terrific speed. Manchester Airport speculated that unusually clear visibility made an aircraft lining up on the runway visible. Ringway is 30 miles away and FUFOR like to know if it is possible for one to be seen.... and heard from such a distance. Any comments from our air enthusiasts?

77/186 SEPTEMBER 3 1977 Nantwich, Cheshire (22.30) LOW Level A FUFOR

A young married couple at their home (OS Sheet 118: 618518) spotted a bright white light moving W to NW at elevation 12 degrees. It remained in view five minutes, moving slowly. The area is rural and free from haze. FUFOR ask can a satellite be observed so low on the horizon? Any experts?

STRANGE LIGHT PHOTOGRAPHED OVER CREWE

77/187 SEPTEMBER 18 1977 Crewe, Cheshire (22.42) ID Level A FUFOR/UFORA

David Moses is a FUFOR investigator, and a male nurse at a Nantwich Hospital. At the time in question he was called to the garden by some neighbours and shown a bright silvery light in the NE sky. It hovered over the Rolls Royce Club in a residential area, elevation 10 to 15 degrees across open land. As the three people watched it changed colour from red to silver to green and back, and then began to slowly pulsate. Mr Moses is an amateur photographer, with his own darkroom, and went indoors to get his camera. Using 125 ASA film he took a 10 second time exposure at f.1.7 using a standard 55mm lens. The camera was hand held, and inevitably some degree of camera shake occurred in the picture, although under the circumstances it is remarkably clear. The image shows a bent white object (due to camera movement). The object itself was STATIONARY. The night was clear and the long exposure reveals detail of the skyline and sky. There is very little cloud and it is very high, as weather records indicate. The two other witnesses testify to the photograph and to a total observation of the object of 25 minutes. At one point it vanished for three minutes (NOT behind cloud) and reappeared moving slowly east.

77/188 OCTOBER 2 1977 Darnhill, Gtr Mcr (20.30) LOW Level E MUFORA

Mr and Mrs Fieldhouse and their seven year old son spotted a brilliant white light moving across the sky slowly above their home. It was in view two minutes. This report was not considered significant at the time, but may well tie in with report 77/189 and a report from the same night investigated by CHRYSIS (to be featured in the next issue).

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77/189 OCTOBER 2 1977 Moston, Gtr Mcr (21.15) CE 1 (An) A MUFORA

Two 19 year olds, Timothy Timms and his fiancée Gillian Dormer were walking their dog, Rocky, when their attention was drawn to a cloudlike form moving fast across the sky from N to E at 60 degree elevation. It rapidly decelerated until it reached a position in the NE where it hovered for a few seconds. As it did so the cloud dissipated leaving a clearly defined disc shape. The colour was orange. Mr Timms said it had a fiery red top and was spinning on its axis but admits to being brown colour blind and so

his testimony may not be as reliable as Miss Dormer's. The apparent size was that of a ip piece at arms length. The object now began to move away to the E, at first slowly and then accelerating. After a total observation time of 2 minutes it was lost to view over rooftops. The sighting was reported to Jodrell Bank.

Both witnesses feel that the dog was effected by the object. It is normally very lively, straining at the lead whilst out. Shortly after the object was sighted it became very subdued and remained in an unusually calm state during the whole time the object was in view.

(* A letter such as An, Animal effects, T, traces, P, physiological effects - will be used to designate appropriate effects in all close encounters)

77/190 OCTOBER 12 1977 Sturton, Notts (18.40) MED Level E SUFORS

A seven year old boy and many other witnesses in the area reported a bomb shape with blue bits falling off it moving very fast towards the north east. Police are convinced that this was either a satellite or a meteor.

77/191 OCTOBER 14 1977 Heywood, Gtr Mcr LOW Level E MUFORA

A woman returning home from her sons spotted four red lights in a row which were hovering over the rooftops. She would not be interviewed for fear of ridicule.

77/192 OCTOBER 23 1977 Brindley Ford, Staffs (0.00) LOW Level A UFORA

Mrs Evans, her husband, daughter and son in law were all witness to a strange white glow which rose and fell slowly and pulsed colours to blue and green. It was in the NE at elevation 80 degrees and stayed in view 1½ hours on the first date and 20 minutes the next night. Apparent size of a tennis ball at arms length, though not as big as the moon by a long way!!!

77/193 OCTOBER 25 1977 Ulceby, Sth Humberside (16.00) MED Level D SUFORS

Late on the afternoon of the 25th residents in a housing estate at Ulceby saw a stationary cigar shape in the sky for a lengthy period. A week later a meteorological ballonn was found in a garden after being reported as a UFO by many as it fell. There may well be a connection, though it seems unlikely that a balloon should stay afloat for a week.

77/194 OCTOBER 25 1977 Crewe, Cheshire (22.40) LOW Level A FUFOR

A woman in her thirties saw a flashing white light moving from west to east at elevation 40 degrees. It then dropped behind a tree and started moving about between two trees. The witness went upstairs to try to get a better view but when she got there it had vanished.

77/195 OCTOBER 27 1977 Hindley Green, Lancs (18.50) MED Level A DIGAP

A well qualified young man and two friends saw a strange object moving very fast through the sky following a large circular path. It was described as a



dome with a flat top with white lights in the middle, a white light on the left, red light on the right and blue light underneath. Sparks were regularly emitted from the back and the object made a noise

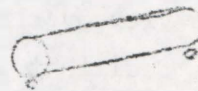
similar to a light plane. It remained in view for 30 minutes before sweeping away to the west. This description ties in well with the sighting by Shelley Barnes at Bolton (23/1/76 - NUN Mar 76) and the multi witness events at Swinton December 12/13 1975 - all of which remain unidentified.

77/196 OCTOBER 31 1977 Leighton, Cheshire (20.10) LOW Level A FUFOR

Single witness observed a white light in the north west, elevation 15 degrees, moving away very fast. It was in view one minute. At 21.30 the same witness saw a white and red light revolving. The white light changed to red and the object flew off.

77/197 NOVEMBER 7 1977 Haslington, Cheshire (16.00) MED Level A FUFOR

Two witnesses driving towards this village spotted a white light in the east elevation 30 degrees. After losing it through trees it resolved as a hazy black elongated object. They kept it in view 10 minutes drifting slowly S.



At 16.55 a further witness saw the object at OS Sheet 118:738559 on his way to Sandbach. It was in the east at 25 degree elevation and was a black cylinder with a blue light on each underside end. It hovered at 500 feet and was in view 30 seconds before being obscured. When a clear view in the direction was next obtained the object had gone. This witness had been in the RAF.

77/198 NOVEMBER 11 1977 Fenton, Staffs (04.45) LOW Level A UFORA

An uneducated witness left his home and spotted a red light moving towards his rooftop in the NE, elevation 45 degrees. It went out of sight and the witness feels it must have stopped as it remained out of view for some minutes. Whilst watching for it to reappear a white streak of light shot in the opposite direction (probably a meteor). Then a very much brighter red light, the apparent size of a pea, appeared heading NE towards the first. This came back out of the roof top and headed away SE. The first object followed it travelling faster. Both were lost to view over trees after ten minutes.

77/199 NOVEMBER 11 1977 Irlam, Gtr Mcr (06.44) LOW Level A MUFORA

Possibly connected with the above sighting MUFORA investigator Ron Sergeant observed a white light for 18 minutes as it moved slowly amongst clouds. It was at elevation 45 degrees in the ENE and moving west. Viewed through 4x50 binoculars it displayed a small vertical ray. During the time of observation it covered 30 degrees of arc.

77/200 NOVEMBER 18 1977 Wawne, Nth Humber (15.00) MED SUFORS

This case was discovered by Derick Shelton and is under investigation by SUFORS. It concerns a group of about 17 young schoolchildren (aged 7 and 8) who were

playing in the fields when they saw a silvery disc with a dome moving in a straight line across the sky. They rushed indoors to their headmaster who immediately set them to make plasticine models of what they had seen. This was under supervision with

no opportunity to discuss the sighting. They were all remarkably similar.

NB UFORA confirm that 77/178 (the 'Fairy' rings) has been confirmed by analysis as a fungal virus. (see Nov 77 NUN)

NOTE 200 REPORTS UP FOR 1977 COMPARED TO 107 THIS TIME LAST YEAR AND 117 IN 1975